

3. Never forget your importance. In speech and conduct dare any to differ from you and if anyone dares to have and to express an opinion of his own, give him a setting down. If you can't beat him by fair argument, get angry and insult him with haughty bearing or insulting language. Be always ready to snub others. All others are so inferior to yourself that they are not worthy of respect from you and they must not expect it. There are alas, so few that have your wealth, your wisdom or your polish. Keep this fact prominently before all. Never let them forget. Never.

4. And you that are weak—if there be such but of course there are not—be always on the lookout for slights and snubs. Make up your mind that everybody despises you and dislikes your family—that they think you poor, ignorant, weak and silly, magnify every apparent neglect into a slight and every apparent slight into a positive insult. If anyone says anything good of you don't be taken in. He is poking fun at you. Take it as the deepest insult. Show your independence. And if you should get a real snub from anyone be sure to remember that he does not act alone. He is well backed, doubtless, his set, probably the whole church and possibly the pastor are all with him. Some of them may deplore the act and declare they had nothing to do with it, but you are too smart to be gulled. To make sure work swear vengeance upon the whole crowd.

5. Never ask pardon of anybody. You cannot do or be wrong; to ask pardon would be a confession of your weakness. You will never make such a fool of yourself as that. If there are any confessions to be made always let the other man make them. He is always wrong; you never. He is wholly wrong; you, not in the least, take it as an insult if any dare think you wrong, and if any one does you an injury, however, slight lay it up against him, make no charitable allowances for it. That would be weak. It would be too much like the meek and lowly Christ. Multiply it by a thousand, put into it all the meaning possible, get in collusion with all his enemies.

They know his motives and can help you make the case all the more serious. Too many mean things cannot be put into it. And if he should be so weak as to confess his fault, at least, go so far as to say you forgive him for this much "the letter" of the law requires. You cannot forgive in spirit and in truth for you do not know whether he truly repent or not, and if you do forgive never forget. Always keep your eye on him.

6. Never make a friendly call upon your brethren in Christ, except those of your own set. If you should do so out of a sense of duty, so talk of your own superior self, of your high standing in other communities, of what you and your family did in the church you came from of what you would now do if you had half a chance as to make all heartily pity you and hope they may never be bored by you again.

7. If the members of the church do not call upon you, put no charitable construction upon their neglect. Complain to all you meet about it. Say it is because you live in humble quarters and they are ashamed to be seen on your premises or in your company. Never for a moment think that the fault lies at your own door, that your own tongue is a terror to all who come within its reach. Of course, you are not always apologizing for your present circumstances and tell how grand you used to live, in such a way as to make all feel that the Lord has put you where you are to humble your haughty spirit. Some people never give their neighbors credit for having any sense, taste or manners. They criticise their neighbor's houses, furniture, dress and what not. But of course that is not you. You are always complimenting your neighbor's things.

8. Whenever any work is to be done by the church be sure to be lavish with tongue help, for the church cannot get along without your wisdom. Bore people to death about what you did before you came to this church and how you would do now; be just as sure that you never do anything now. If the ladies propose a sociable, oppose it, saying no one will do anything but yourself and when they go on with it and all things are ready you be on hand and so monopolize the serving that no one dare

try to do anything except at your command, least they get a never-to-be-forgotten look from your sweet face, or a remark that is characteristic of your refined lips. Never let them forget for a moment that you and your set only are capable of managing such matters according to the latest French methods. Make all feel and acknowledge your omnipotent sway.

### III. conclusions.

1. Now begin to make your and other lives a misery by the way you take this sermon. The day for plain preaching is past. Isaiah could call his hearers, rebels, harlots, and companions of thieves and murderers; John, the Baptist called some of his—hearers a generation of vipers; Paul said to the high priest 'thou whited wall,' and the Great Preacher dared to call his hearers fools, blind guides, hypocrites, serpents, offspring of vipers: but, of course, we live in more enlightened times, and it is not good form for a nineteenth century preacher to follow the Master in this respect.

If he would hold the people he must cover their sins with a coat of white-wash, but when he has done this, he must not turn upon them and say ye "whited sepulchers." Say it, and say it loud that such a preacher is not fit to live, cry out crucify him! crucify him! and to the extent of the power of your malicious tongue see to it that he is crucified. Gnash your teeth upon him! burn him in effigy! bury him alive!

2. Note that I have not said that anyone in this church is guilty of being miserable or of making others miserable. I have only aimed to exhibit some pictures, and that in such a way as to be a warning, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches."

3. Let no one say that I have been personal. It is true my pictures are from life; but I have not told, neither will I tell who, if any present or absent this morning, fill out their outlines. If one says that was meant for me, I do not deny it. If another says that does not hit me, I will not dispute with him.

4. The way to treat this whole matter. Keep mum. If you squeal, you, confess to all that the shoe pinches